

Josiah C. Williams collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Williams, Josiah C., -1900
Title	Josiah C. Williams collection
Date	1850-1887
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 2 folders
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1427-1
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Biographical Note

Josiah C. Williams was from Putnamville, Indiana. His grandfather was Rev. Isaac Reed, an early Presbyterian missionary. Josiah was Captain of Company G, 27th Indiana Regiment.

Scope and Contents

These two folders contain typed letters and a travel narrative written by Josiah C. Williams. The first folder has letters and the narrative from the 1850-1862, and the second one has letters from 1863-1887.

Josiah wrote about his second trip to the east. Among the things he left behind were "the Indiana Republican meetings where the bold friends of country and freedom turn out in their thousands." The journey ended at Poughkeepsie, which might have been the home of his grandfather. The other documents are typed letters written by Josiah during his Civil War service. He wrote to his brother, father, parents, grandfather, and sister. Several letters were written to Josiah. Among the battles he wrote about were: Shenandoah Valley, Front Royal, Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, and Harpers Ferry.

In the second folder are letters from January 1863 to May 1887, including some undated and partial letters. After the Battle of Gettysburg, he wrote on July 27, 1863: "Gettysburgh was an awful fight the boys saying it was more trific than anything they ever saw which is emphatically some. Men laying in piles our Reg't losing one hundred in about thre minutes in a charge made upon the Breast-works." On June 14, 1886, Josiah sent a letter to the editor of Century Magazine telling about General Lee's lost order No. 191. In his letter dated May 15, 1887, he recalls to his sister Gertrude about the fighting 23 years ago in May, when Stonewall Jackson was killed. Josiah was wounded by a musket ball and carried by stretcher bearers away from the burning leaves on the battlefield.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 27th (1861-1864)

Subject(s)

- Correspondence
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives